Statement

List of measures taken or available to National Film Development Corporation to realise the arrears

1. Corporation holds negative rights of all 01ms financed by it. Thus without its consent, no print can be taken out from the laboratory for release purpose.

2. In case of default, demand notices are issued to Producers for repayment by a prescribed time failing which the case is referred to Chairman, NFDC for arbitration in terms of loan agreement. Award passed by arbitrator is filed in the court for obtaining decree and its execution.

3. Besides initiating legal action for recovery, Corporation adopts parallel measures for recovery of loan by selling rights of films in India and overseas territories, by offering film for telecast, exploiting film in non-commercial circuits, offering prints of films to Government Departments against royalty etc.

New Light Railway System in the country

1235. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start new light railway system in various cities of the country during the 8th Plan Period;

(b) if so, the names of the cities where such Light Railway System (Underground) is likely to be introduced; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) Need for rail-based mass rapid transit systems in the metropolitan cities and other big cities is being increasingly felt. Feasibility reports have been prepared in case of some cities. The introduction of rail-based mass rapid transit systems involves heavy capital investments. Therefore, introduction of such systems will have to be considered at the time of finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan in the light of the national priorities and overall availability of resources. It is, therefore, not possible to identify the cities and the time frame for the introduction of such systems at this point of time.

Role of Housing Corporations

1236. SHRI 'MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Eighth National Congress of Housing Corporation has recently recommended a major role for housing Corporations in the Eighth Plan Period;

(b) if so, the other recommendations made therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to *(c)* The Eighth National Congress of Housing Cooperative held on 4th & 5th February, 1989 has stressed the need to assign a major role to the housing cooperatives during the 8th Five Year Plan in terms of financial allocation and land allotment. The National Housing Policy emphasises the need to strengthen the Cooperative movement in various ways.

Reduction of Ration Quota of Rice

1237. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether rice quota for Fair Price Shops has been reduced in the Capital;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how it is likely to effect the common man of the Capital?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) to (c) As a result of a review of allocation of lice & wheat to various States/ Uliioa Territories undertaken in the light of availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability and other related factors, the allocation of rice from the Central pool to most States including Delhi has been reduced uniformly by 20% from February, 1989. However, sub-allocation of rice to Fair Price Shops is the concern of States/Union Territories.

The allocations of foodgrains from the Central Pool are supplemental to open market availability. Bulk of the bumper production of rice and other foodgrains in the kharif this year is available in the market and to this extent pressure on Public Distribution System should be less. However, the allocations are made on a month to month basis, keeping the factors mentioned above in mind.

Independent Housing Board for Housing in Delhi

1238. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of URBAN DE VELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to de-link the housing activity from DDA and constitute an independent Housing Board in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details have not been worked. out so far.

Setting up of SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation

1239. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has set up a SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the Corporation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATJ. ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Corporation has been set up under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. Its total authorised capital is Rs. 75 crores. A provision of Rs. 50 crores for the Corporation has been made in the Budget for the current year.

भारत एल्यूमिनियम कंपनी और भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र पर मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड का बकाया

1240. **श्रीमती रत्ना कुमारी:** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत एल्यूमीनियम कंपनी तथा भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र पर मध्य प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड का 85 करोड़ रुपया अभी बकाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस तारीख से उन पर इतनी बड़ी राशि बकाया है; और

(ग) इस राशि की अदायगी न करने के क्या कारण हैं?

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